

Sri Swami Madhavananda World Peace Summit and the Message of Mahatma Gandhi

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Statement of Resolution adopted by

THE SRI SWAMI MADHAVANANDA WORLD PEACE SUMMIT AND THE MESSAGE OF MAHATMA GANDHI

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We, the undersigned, declare our commitment to the realisation of the values and objectives of the Earth Charter and the UN Millennium Development Goals.

- 1. RESPECT LIFE IN ALL ITS DIVERSITY: To seek to inspire in all people a new sense of global interdependence and universal responsibility that each form of life has value regardless of its worth to human beings.
- 2. SUSTAINABLE ECOLOGY: To promote the need for the management and conservation of all types of natural resources and to intensify our collective efforts to take actions that lead toward an environmentally sustainable ecology.
- 3. SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE: To affirm gender equality and to work collectively to ensure universal access to education, health care and economic opportunity.
- 4. PROMOTE THE CULTURE OF TOLERANCE, NON-VIOLENCE AND PEACE IN THE SENSE OF MAHATMA GANDHI: To recognize our cultural diversity as a precious heritage and to heighten the awareness that peace is the wholeness created by right relationships with oneself, other persons, other cultures and religions.
- 5. PROTECT EARTH'S BEAUTY FOR PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS: To recognise the importance of moral and spiritual education and to transmit to future generations values, traditions, and institutions that support a sustainable way of life.
- 6. YOUTH IS THE CULTURE OF TOMORROW: To recognise young people as a force for change, who can make a difference in today's world. Therefore to take intensified actions to support them physically, mentally and spiritually to develop a sense of global citizenship.
- 7. SECURE THE RIGHTS OF MINORITIES AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLE: To recognise that the promotion and protection of the rights of persons belonging to national or ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities contribute to political and social stability and peace and enrich the cultural diversity and heritage of society.
- 8. "YOGA IN DAILY LIFE" AS ONE OF THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEMS: To promote ways of living for the betterment of mankind as a whole by helping people to regain physical, mental, social and spiritual health.
- 9. LEADING THE WAY TO A DRUG-FREE LIFE: To continue Paramhans Swami Madhavanandaji's lifelong endeavour to educate and empower youth to reject illicit drugs.
- 10. "LOVE EVERY LIVING BEING AT LEAST AS MUCH AS YOURSELF": To recognise the above message of the great Indian saint, Sri Mahaprabhuji, that in the midst of a rich diversity of cultures and life forms, we are one human family with a common destiny.
- 11. For the sake of the world peace, democracy and security, happiness, freedom and health in life, we support respect of each persons rights and values, and government by the rule of law and not by the rule of power.

As we stand at a critical moment in Earth's history, a time when humanity must choose its future, let this Summit be an event remembered for the awakening of a reverence for life, promoting an ethic for justice, sustainability and peace.